



WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 27 1899

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

Washington, September 27.

The Pan Presbyterian Alliance assembled in the New York avenue church today. At 2 p.m. the convention proper was opened for business. There was a large attendance of ministers and delegates from all parts of the world. R. V. Dr. Ling, of Glasgow, Scotland, president of the council, presided. After a paper by Dr. Matthews, the sermon of welcome was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ratchell, pastor of the New York avenue church. No evening session will be held as the delegates and their families will be tendered a reception tonight at the White House by President and Mrs. McKinley.

The appointment of Archbishop Chappelle, of New Orleans, as apostolic delegate to the Philippines as well as to Cuba and Porto Rico, is very gratifying to his many admirers in this city, some of whom say it is a sure indication of his elevation to a cardinalship.

Mr. Davis, who deserted his party at the last Presidential election, having at last been elected, the resignation of his position as U. S. attorney for this district was desired, was compelled to tender it, and a Mr. Anderson, an Ohio man, has been appointed in his stead.

Robert C. Milburn, 34 years old, who has been in the drug business in different parts of the city for twelve years, was found dead in the Thysen House today. Coroner Carr gave a certificate of death from kidney disease.

Friends of Commonwealth's Attorney Johnson, of Alexandria county, here today, say he is now at a sanitarium in the Adirondacks and is rapidly improving in health and flesh.

Mr. Wayne McVeach made a long argument today against the approval of the verdict in the case of Captain Charles Carter of the U. S. A., charged with the murder of a million and a half dollars. Although the hearing was public not more than a score of persons were present. Mr. McVeach said he had requested Col. Barr, judge advocate of the Carter court martial, to be present, so that he might correct McVeach in case the latter made any mistake in the long record. Mr. McVeach read Col. Barr's reply, which was to the effect that he did not care to be present at any further hearings in the case, with which his official connection had terminated. Attorney General Griggs asked whether Carter had made objection at the court martial to the joining of the various offenses in one indictment. McVeach said he had not. Mr. Griggs asked whether Carter had not then assented to the proceedings and whether his silence did not bar him from now making any objection. McVeach thought not. He said Carter had not been asked to give assent. The fact that he raised no objection at the time should not count against him.

Admiral Howison's arrival at New York this morning gave the Navy Department an opportunity to dispel all doubts that he determined some weeks ago to participate in the Dewey reception at that city. When he left Barbadoes last Thursday morning the officials thought he would appear at Sandy Hook in about eight days. Admiral Howison, however, did not alter the naval plans for Dewey's reception except that his security will place him next to the admiral in all honors rendered. Rear Admiral Sampson will continue to represent the Navy Department in the official court of the marine parade, but instead of the blue flag with two stars, which the flagship New York would have otherwise displayed, a red flag with two stars, denoting junior rank, must be substituted while the Chicago flies the blue. Dewey's signal being four stars on a blue ground.

Dr. John Henry Feuss, acting assistant surgeon U. S. A., commander of the ship, who has been on board the transport Burnside yesterday.

The promotion of Capt. A. H. McCormick, commander of the Washington yard, was announced today.

Major General Harry Heth of the Confederate army died at an early hour this morning. His remains were escorted today by a delegation of the Confederate Veterans' Association of this city to Richmond, where they will be interred with appropriate honors by the ex-Confederates of that city tomorrow.

The funeral of a sister of the late General Grant, who died in the Providence Hospital here successfully for a long time, was attended today by a large and sorrowful crowd, among whom were many Virginians, in whose State the deceased had numerous friends, whose affection she had won by her kind treatment of patients from all parts of the country.

It is said at the Navy Department today that at the request of Senator Martin of Virginia, the North Atlantic squadron of the U. S. N. will be in Hampton Roads from the 24 to the 26th proximo.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Chicago Warehouse Company, with \$4,000,000 capitalization, filed articles of incorporation at Trenton, N. J., today.

Miss Helen Gould has contributed \$125,000 to the Dewey home fund, divided between the New York and Washington committees.

The U. S. revenue cutter Grant, which has arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., from the north, reports hurricanes of great violence prevailing along the entire Alaskan coast.

Secretary of War Root has purchased through Major J. G. Aleshire, who is at Lexington, Ky., purchasing army horses, a six-year-old black saddle gelding, which was shipped last night for Fort Myer. The horse is a Kentucky prize winner.

In the Hastings Court of Portsmouth, Va., yesterday, Judge Watts sentenced Walter Cotton, alias John Smith, colored, to be hanged November 17, for the murder of Mr. Wray a few weeks ago. The defendant, a colored man, is to die the same day for murder. The Supreme Court will be appealed to in each case.

Dr. Thomas Henry Everett was arrested at Atlanta Ga., yesterday and lodged in jail on a warrant charging him with killing Henry Smith, a negro. The doctor is alleged to have killed the negro. The authorities claim Everett was not licensed to practice medicine.

National Democratic Committee man Woodson has received a telegram from W. J. Bryan asking that appointments to speak for the double ticket in Kentucky be made for him for October 16, 17 and 18.

One-fourth of the apple crop of Michigan is blown from the trees by Monday's storm.

ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Admiral Dewey talked freely on the deck of the Olympia yesterday concerning matters since he left the States. Speaking of a presidential nomination he again reiterated that he was not fit for the office and had no desire for it. He says he is but a sailor, and wished to live and die one.

It was suggested that a democratic slate had been made with Admiral Dewey for President and Gen. Wheeler for the Vice Presidency. "Well," said the Admiral "we would make a pretty mess of it. Gen. Wheeler, of course, has had no training in the political game, but the fact that the Admiral had forgotten that. He would want to run everything as he would a regiment and, of course, would make a splendid mess of it. You cannot run a government as you would a regiment." Some one said just then to the Admiral that his son was reported to have made a statement to the effect that the Admiral was a dyed-in-the-wool republican. The Admiral laughed outright and, turning around, pointed to a piece of wood lying on the deck some yards away, at the same time saying: "My son knows as much about what my politics are as that piece of stick."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Archbishop Chappelle, of New Orleans, has been selected as apostolic delegate to the Philippines.

The Pan Presbyterian Council met in Washington today. Nearly 400 delegates from all parts of the world are expected to attend.

Attorney-General Griggs states that, according to Supreme Court decisions, Congress cannot control the business of trusts whose operations are confined to one State.

The capitalization of the stock of the American Window Glass Company, the glass manufacturers' combine, is \$17,000,000, and the stock has been oversubscribed.

John Fox, the seed farmer who recently married Kitty Zimmerman, a young woman of Washington county, Md., was granted a divorce by Judge Motter at Frederick, yesterday.

District Attorney H. E. Davis, of the District of Columbia, has formally notified President McKinley that he will retire from his present position on September 30. It is believed he will be appointed to succeed Justice Cox, of the District Supreme Court. Mr. Thomas H. Anderson, of Ohio, will succeed Mr. Davis, who, some say, will resume the practice of law.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A saloon keeper in Newport News was yesterday fined \$300 for violating the liquor law.

Miss Lizzie Embrey died yesterday at her home near Remington, Fauquier county, aged eighteen years.

The North Atlantic squadron will escort the flagship Olympia from New York to Hampton Roads next week.

Frederick Bright, a widely-known man of Frederick county, died on Monday after a long illness, aged sixty-nine years.

The barbecue, horse show and races, which were to have commenced yesterday and continue four days, at Lynchburg, were postponed until today on account of wet grounds.

Mr. E. M. McClure, agent of the Southern and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads at Orange, and Miss Jessie Earl Perry, daughter of Mrs. Julia Perry, were married in that town yesterday.

The Rappahannock Valley fair at Fredericksburg opened yesterday, rain and threatening skies interfering with the attendance. All races were postponed because of the condition of the track.

Seventeen guns were fired in the Capitol Square at Richmond yesterday afternoon, by order of the governor in honor of Admiral Dewey's homecoming. The salute was fired by the Richmond Howitzers.

The Valley Ore Company has purchased from a company, of which Hon. John K. Cowen, of Baltimore, is a member, 50,000 acres of ore land in Craig and Allegheny counties, the consideration being \$500,000.

General Bowling has appointed Miss Annie J. Macdon, of P. S.burg, sponsor, and Miss Celeste Staples, of Lynchburg, maid of honor, to the grand camp of Confederate Veterans, at Pulaski, October 11, 12 and 13.

Roskohe is being crowded with firemen to attend the thirteenth annual convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association. About 700 uniformed men arrived last night and were received in true Virginia style.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars met in annual session at Newport News last night and will remain there three days. Among the visitors from outside of the State is Grand Chief Templar E. C. Jones, of the District of Columbia.

The Second Auditor has purchased \$114,000 of Virginia Century bonds for retirement as provided by law. These purchases were made from surplus in the treasury, largely due to the enforcement of what is known as the "land grabbers' law."

William Flannery Garrett, a conductor on the Richmond Traction line, was accidentally shot on Monday afternoon while sora hunting on the Mattaponi river, and died yesterday morning from the effects of the wound. The fatal shot was fired by a cousin, Carroll King, who lives in King William county.

Miss Sallie Dixon, aged 18, daughter of Thomas Dixon, a wealthy farmer of Northampton county, committed suicide Monday by taking strychnine. She named W. H. Goffgold aged 28, a neighboring farmer, as the man who had accomplished her ruin. When Goffgold heard of the suicide, and that officers were looking for him he drowned himself in a small stream about three miles from his home. A rope had been fastened tightly around his neck, and one end tied to a post on the shore, presumably to prevent his body from being taken out into the deep water, after death.

DEATH OF GENERAL HETH.

General Henry Heth, who had been ill for some time, died at 1:40 o'clock this morning, at his residence in Washington. The funeral will take place in Richmond tomorrow. General Henry Heth was born at Black Heath, Chesterfield county, Va., December 16, 1825. He was graduated from West Point Military Academy in July, 1847, and in the same month was commissioned in the United States army as brevet second lieutenant. When the civil war broke out he left the service of the United States and offered his sword to Virginia and the South. During the greater part of 1862 he was in command of the department of West Virginia, and was also with General Kirby Smith in Kentucky and Tennessee in the fall of that year. He took part in the battle of Chancellorsville and all subsequent battles fought in northern Virginia from that time until Appomattox. General Heth led his brigade with Stonewall Jackson in the flank movement against Hooker's right wing at Chancellorsville when Jackson received his fatal wound. He opened the great battle of Gettysburg by attacking Meade's advance division, and led the advance in the Wilderness under Lee. During President Cleveland's first administration he was special Indian commissioner in the west.

Good Enough to Take

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to that of maple syrup, making it very pleasant to take. As a medicine for the cure of coughs, colds, a gripe, and whooping cough it is unequalled by any other. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all Druggists.

CITY COUNCIL.

There was a two-hour session of the City Council last night. The meeting was called by the Mayor at the instance of a committee appointed by the managers of the proposed sequi-centennial celebration in this city who asked for \$1,000 toward defraying the expenses of the same. Council appropriated \$500 for the purpose, sustained the Mayor in his objection to the grading and graveling of Alfred street, between Cameron and Queen, and transacted some routine business, mostly relating to street improvements. But few spectators were present.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All the Aldermen were present except Mr. Ballenger.

After the communication from the Mayor giving his reasons for calling the meeting of Council had been received from the lower board and read.

Mr. Snowden, member of the Common Council, appeared in the chamber and extended an invitation to the Aldermen to meet the lower board in joint session for the purpose of hearing a statement from the committee representing the managers of the proposed sequi-centennial celebration. The invitation was accepted and the Aldermen left the chamber, and upon their return a resolution appropriating \$500 toward defraying the expense of the proposed parade was received from the Common Council.

Mr. Hill said the committee which had asked an appropriation of \$1,000 had worked hard in getting up the proposed celebration, and had asked for a reasonable sum from Council. They intended to turn over to the city every cent not spent in the movement. They proposed having free fire works on the occasion, and he favored appropriating \$1,000—the sum asked for—toward the celebration.

Mr. J. T. Sweeney said he fully recognized all Mr. Hill said in regard to the assistance shown by the gentlemen engaged in getting up the celebration. The movement had been begun by a mass meeting, and the City Council should help the projectors; but he thought the sum of \$500 was a sufficient recognition on the part of the Council of the proposal celebration.

He believed that sum with all that will be collected from private individuals would prove sufficient to defray all expenses incident to the occasion. The people were now interested in the movement, and contributions would be coming in from that time.

He reiterated that \$500 was a sufficient recognition on the part of Council, and said this was the largest sum it had ever devoted to such a purpose. He was satisfied that the gentlemen engaged in getting up the celebration were representing the city's interests, and he believed the event would do the city good. He moved to concur in the action of the Common Council.

Mr. Hill moved an amendment that the sum be fixed at \$1,000. This motion was lost by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Hill, Clark and Mr. President—3. Nays—Messrs. Dobie, Curran, W. H. Sweeney and Mr. J. T. Sweeney—4.

The original resolution, appropriating \$500, was then passed: Ayes 6, Nays 1—Mr. Clark.

Mr. Hill introduced a resolution appropriating \$100 for the purpose of completing the sewer on Columbus street from King to the alley back of Mr. W. B. Smoot's residence. He said several persons would tap it if it were continued to the point indicated.

The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dobie offered a resolution appropriating \$300 for the purpose of grading and graveling Alfred street from Oranoco to Pendleton. He said the owners of the property on that square would put down new pavements and curbing were the roadway fixed. He explained the geography of the locality, and said that during heavy rains the yards and fronts of houses were inundated. During the winter when it had not so much water, while the people living in houses on the square were compelled to remain indoors all winter, there being no way for them to make their egress.

Mr. Sweeney thought the resolution should be referred to the committee on streets. It had ever been customary to refer resolutions appropriating such sums. It would be a bad precedent to pass it on the night of its introduction, notwithstanding it might be looked upon as an urgent case.

Mr. Marbury suggested that the committee could report on the resolution immediately.

Mr. Sweeney did not think that would be in order. Council would meet again on the second Tuesday in next month.

Mr. Dobie said similar resolutions had been passed by Council on the night of their introduction. There was no law against such a procedure, while it may be looked upon as a custom to refer. At any rate, the resolution could be referred to the committee on streets with power to act. The repair of the square indicated was urgent, and immediate action should be taken before cold weather sets in.

Mr. Hill said the owners of property on the square would raise the sidewalks and put down new pavements should the city make a suitable roadway. They would spend far more money than they asked the city to appropriate. The committee on streets were familiar with the geography of the locality and were aware of the necessity of the work. Were the resolution referred to them they would surely report favorably upon it.

Mr. J. T. Sweeney finally moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on streets.

This motion prevailed.

The Common Council sent in a message from the Mayor giving his reasons for vetoing the measure for graveling Alfred street, between Cameron and Queen, the lower board having sustained the Mayor in his objections.

A vote was taken on concurring, and Messrs. W. H. Sweeney, J. T. Sweeney and Mr. President voted to sustain the Mayor, and Messrs. Hill, Dobie, Clark and Curran to pass the measure notwithstanding the Mayor's objections.

The President announced that the action of the Common Council had been concurred in, as it would require five votes to pass the measure over the Mayor's veto and four only were recorded.

It was subsequently suggested that the board cast its vote unanimously to sustain the Mayor in his objections. Mr. Hill expressed his willingness to change his vote, but Messrs. Dobie, Clark and Curran manifested no desire to alter theirs, and the vote was allowed to stand as recorded.

The Aldermen, after adjournment, realized that the message should not have been acted upon by them at all,

as the measure virtually died when the Common Council, in which it originated, voted to sustain the Mayor.

The Aldermen concurred in the action of the Common Council on a resolution as to the expediency of continuing street work under the 33d section of the city charter, and then adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The board was not called to order until some time after 8 o'clock.

The Mayor's message, calling the board, was read. The Mayor said that he had called the meeting at the request of the sequi-centennial committee, and had also, to avoid a duplication of meetings, sent at the same time a message giving his reasons for vetoing an ordinance adopted by the City Council at its last session, in reference to repairs on north Alfred street.

Mr. Snowden moved that the members of the Board of Aldermen be invited to unite in a joint session to receive the sequi-centennial committee, and Mr. Ficklin was appointed to invite the committee into the chamber.

Messrs. W. B. Smoot, Dr. Wm. M. Smith, George R. Hill, John W. May, Capt. J. E. King, G. L. Bothe, C. E. Leadbeater and M. B. Harlow then entered.

JOINT SESSION.

Dr. Wm. M. Smith explained that the committee was present because Alexandria was about to celebrate its sequi-centennial. He narrated the circumstances which led to the celebration, and described the various organizations which expected to attend, saying he expected nearly 10,000 men—U. S. soldiers and sailors, the brigade from Washington, men from the navy yard, &c., and thought that \$1,000 would be needed from the city. York, Pa., with 30,000 inhabitants, had appropriated \$50,000, but only a mere fraction of that sum was asked here.

Representatives of the press from all sections of the Union, and the celebration should be one that would do credit to the city. It behooved this city to entertain these guests in a seemly manner, so an appropriation of \$1,000 was asked by the committee.

Mr. Geo. R. Hill said this movement had been inaugurated at a mass meeting of representative people. The centennial would be an advertisement of very great value. They desired the City Council to express its approval and to unite an official body in the procession upon that occasion.

Mr. M. B. Harlow gave an official invitation to the Mayor and City Council to unite in the celebration. He said that it was hoped that all buildings would be adorned in the day and illuminated at night.

Dr. Smith said that the committee had arranged to decorate the City Hall, the school houses and the engine houses, and that the members of Council would be provided with carriages to ride in to the parade.

Mr. Harlow returned thanks for the courtesy and the committee retired.

On motion of Mr. E. B. Smith it was agreed that the subject of an appropriation be discussed in joint session.

After a short discussion as to the matter of the proceeding.

A resolution, sent in by the sequi-centennial committee, that \$1,000 be appropriated for the centennial, was read.

Alderman J. T. Sweeney thought that the enterprise had reached proportions that called the attention of the City Council to the project. He was disposed to do everything that the city should do, yet \$1,000 was a considerable sum for the city of Alexandria to give. The appropriation of Washington to welcome Admiral Dewey was only \$6,000 or \$7,000. He thought that all the city could afford would be \$500. He urged that the advertisement would be of value to the city.

No further remarks were made and the joint meeting dissolved.

COUNCIL RECONVENES.

The Common Council then resumed its session.

To get the matter before Council Mr. Smith moved that \$1,000 be appropriated.

Mr. Burke thought the city had no legal right to spend the people's money in this way. Any citizen could stop the expenditure by injunction. He favored, however, an appropriation to assist in making the celebration a success, and moved that \$300 be appropriated, instead of \$1,000.

Mr. Smith was not willing to go on and do a thing which was illegal and if it was wrong to appropriate \$1,000 it was wrong to appropriate \$300. He thought \$300 was not worth coming to Council for. He suggested that the subject be referred to the corporation attorney and let the city remain in her darkness with the curtains drawn as it had been for a hundred years.

Mr. Burke did not think it necessary to get an opinion from the attorney of the corporation of Alexandria, nor did he believe that the city had been in darkness nor would it lapse into darkness if there were no celebration. It was a prosperous city. But he favored making the cost to the city of this celebration as light as possible.

Mr. Smith was unwilling to do any act that was illegal in the matter. Can't we wait on the Mayor and see if he is going to veto an appropriation?

Mr. Snowden said he did not wish to attend any further meetings here this week and was opposed to asking the attorney's opinion unless it could be obtained at once. The suggestion of waiting on the Mayor to see if he intended vetoing any measure this body might pass was out of the question.

Mr. Desmond was sorry to see the gentlemen from the 1st and 3rd wards squabbling over this matter. It was a small matter to make a fuss about. Some time ago \$200 was appropriated by Council to send the Alexandria Light Infantry to Norfolk. What is the use of "chewing the rag" any longer. He moved that \$500 be appropriated.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 to 1—Mr. Evans.

The Mayor's veto of the ordinance for paving Alfred street by making "a country road" on a street a portion of which was already paved with cobblestones, then came up, and the clerk stated that the question was whether the measure should become a law notwithstanding the veto.

Mr. Smith made the point that the ordinance had already become a law as the Mayor had not returned it within the three days required by the charter. During the day he said he had the City Attorney's opinion to this effect.

Mr. Burke said that already a law had been passed and approved by the Mayor to do this work.

Mr. Smith explained that the former law was under the 33rd section, but he had found that the property holders would not consent, and no further action was taken, in order to save the city from a useless expenditure of \$25 or \$30 in legal proceedings that would come to nothing.

Mr. Evans was opposed to putting in a gravelled roadway between two cobblestone blocks.

Mr. P. H. favored the adoption of an improved street on the square in question.

Mr. Trimyer opposed any further street improvement unless in accordance with a general plan of street improvement now under consideration.

Mr. Snowden said that the paper on which the committee on streets had acted was out of order, for it was part of the last council proceedings and no part of this council and the Mayor was perfectly right in vetoing the measure.

Mr. Smith said all the matters pending in any committee of the old council had been referred to the new committees.

Mr. Snowden was aware of this fact but there was no record of this matter in the official proceedings of the present council and it had died with the last council.

Mr. Burke said council had sent the Mayor a corpse which he had returned to this body.

Mr. Smith said the paving ordinance was dead, but the graveling one was alive.

Mr. Snowden regretted the paving was dead and graveling alive.

Mr. Lawler said he did not think the people living on the squares mentioned knew exactly what kind of street they did want.

Mr. Snowden said that in conversation with some of the property owners he ascertained that they wanted improved paving, but did not want to pay for it.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill over the Mayor's veto, the veto was sustained unanimously.

A resolution was adopted requesting the committee on general laws to report as to the expediency of further street work under the 33d section of the charter.

An appropriation of \$100 was made to continue the south Columbus street sewer and then council adjourned.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Alexandria, Va., held September 26, 1899, there were present:

Wm. H. Marbury, esp. President, and Messrs. Hill, Dobie, Clark, Curran, W. H. Sweeney and J. T. Sweeney.

A communication from George L. Simpson, Mayor, giving his reasons for calling the meeting of Council and announcing his veto of a resolution for the construction of a gravelled roadway on Alfred street, between Cameron and Queen streets, was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

Mr. Dobie offered the following: Be it resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated to gravel a twenty-foot roadway on Alfred street, between Oranoco and Pendleton streets.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Snowden, from the Common Council, appeared in this chamber and extended an invitation to the Board of Aldermen to meet with the lower board in joint session for the purpose of hearing a statement from a committee on behalf of the managers of the proposed sequi-centennial celebration who had petitioned the City Council for an appropriation of \$1,000 toward defraying the cost of the same.

The resolution was accepted, and upon the return of the members of the Board of Aldermen a resolution was received from the Common Council appropriating five hundred dollars towards aiding in defraying the expenses of the proposed sequi-centennial celebration.

Mr. Hill moved that the Aldermen non-concure in the action of the Common Council and make the appropriation \$1,000.

The amendment was lost by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Hill, Clark and Mr. President—3. Nays, Messrs. Dobie, Curran, W. H. Sweeney and J. T. Sweeney—4.

The action of the Common Council was then concurred in by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Hill, Dobie, Clark, W. H. Sweeney, J. T. Sweeney and Mr. President—6. Nays, Mr. Clark—1.

Mr. Hill introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to finish the sewer from King street running south on Columbus street to the alley back of W. B. Smoot's residence.

A message from the Mayor vetoing the action of the City Council in adopting the report of the Committee on Streets favoring the graveling of Alfred street, between Queen and Cameron streets, was received from the Common Council, that body having sustained the Mayor in his objection.

Mr. J. T. Sweeney moved that the Aldermen concur.

The vote stood: Ayes, Messrs. W. H. Sweeney, J. T. Sweeney and Mr. President—3. Nays, Messrs. Hill, Dobie, Clark and Curran—4.

The rule requiring five votes for passing the measure, notwithstanding the Mayor's objections, it was decided that the action of the Common Council was concurred in.

A resolution was received from the Common Council requesting the Committee on General Laws to report whether or not it is expedient for Council to continue street improvements under the 33d section of the city charter, and their action was concurred in.

The board then adjourned.

W. H. MARBURY, President.

Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held September 26, 1899, there were present:

John H. Strider, esp. President, and Messrs. Trimyer, Burke, Snowden, Moore, Latham, Desmond, Ball, Harlow, Apple, Smith, Lawler, Ficklin, Evans and Key.

The following communication was received from the Mayor: